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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received from the Director of Public Health for the revival of the publication of the Public Health Bulletin which was discontinued since 1948. The Government will soon give sanction for the publication of this bulletin."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, instead of making the Director of Public Health responsible for the publication of the bulletin, would it not be better to have a separate editor with a separate office for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it will be done, if it is found necessary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, is there any idea to suspend the publication of the bulletin soon after it is published? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there is no such idea."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of publishing this bulletin in the regional languages also so that the information may be made available for the rural population as well? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the idea of the publication of this bulletin is to supply useful information to the Health Officers, Health Inspectors and the Sanitary Inspectors."

Report submitted by the Hotel Sanitation Committee.

* 102 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hotel Sanitation Committee submitted its report and, if so, when; and

(*b*) the action taken by the Government on the report?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, In September 1951.

" (*b*) The Government examined the recommendations of the Hotel Sanitation Committee with reference to the suggestions and comments offered by local bodies, prominent citizens and newspapers and in consultation with the Director of Public Health and other heads of departments concerned. The orders passed on the various paragraphs of the Committee's Report are contained in G.O. No. 1000, Health, dated 19th March 1953, copies of which have been communicated to all members of the Legislature."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :— " Sir, may I know how many of the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and how many have not been accepted? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, the main recommendations of the Committee are—

(i) The catering establishments should be licensed under the Madras Public Health Act.

(ii) Model restaurants in each town should be built by municipal councils and farmed out to catering establishments.

(iii) Constitution of permanent standing committees has been recommended for—

(*a*) evolving designs of model restaurants, standards of accommodation, equipment, lighting, ventilation—in particular the layout of kitchens, and the designing of suitable cooking ranges and sterilizing and dish-washing equipment ;

(*b*) working out desirable standards for appraisal of the sterilization of equipment and utensils by bacteriological examination ; and

(*c*) suggesting bacteriological standards for certain foods, like ice-creams, ice-cream salads, etc.

(iv) The licensing of catering establishment employing ten or more employees per day should be primarily the responsibility of local authorities, with a view to safeguard public health.

(v) Scale of licence fees should be based on gross sales.

(vi) For education of the food-handlers and the management in the hygienic upkeep of catering establishments, a course of training has been suggested.

(vii) A recommendation is made for inauguration of 'Information Centres' by municipal councils and City Corporation in association with the catering trade.

The Government have examined these recommendations and suggested necessary steps for implementing them."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the restaurants are as insanitary as they were before the publication of the Report of the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I think the sanitation has improved a little."

Appointment of additional special staff to the headquarters hospitals in all the districts as a measure of relief to the District Medical Officers.

* 103 *Q.*—SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the volume of routine and correspondence work has recently increased preventing